

Tragic Eruption of the Nyiragongo Volcano in the Congo: H. Con. Res. 304, amended, expressing sympathy to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were tragically affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17, 2002, and supporting an increase in the amount of assistance provided by the United States to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 40). Amended the title so as to read "Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were tragically affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17, 2002." **Pages H533–35, H536–37**

Recessed: The House recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H535**

Committee Resignation and Election—Committee on International Relations: Read a letter from Representative Burr wherein he announced his resignation from the Committee on International Relations. Subsequently the House agreed to H. Res. 349, electing Representative Green of Wisconsin to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H535**

National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Hans P. Blaschek of Champaign, Illinois to the Board of Directors of the National Urban Air Toxics Research Center. **Page H535**

First Sponsor: Agreed that hereafter Representative DeMint will be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2714, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. The bill was originally introduced by former Representative Largent. **Page H537**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H525.

Referrals: S. 980 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure. S.J. Res. 32 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H557**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H536, H536–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on SSA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Social Security Administration: JoAnne B. Barnhart, Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Department of Energy Reorganization held a hearing on the implementation of the National Nuclear Security Administration of the provisions contained in Title 32 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF (Ret.), Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Gary Jones, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

RETIREMENT PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Retirement Protection: Fighting fraud in the sale of death." Testimony was heard from Dan Mihalko, Inspector in Charge, Congressional and Public Affairs Division, U.S. Postal Service; the following officials of the State of Ohio: J. Lee Covington II, Director, Department of Insurance; and Thomas E. Geyer, Assistant Director, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "The National Drug Control Strategy for 2002." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of National Drug Control Policy: John Walters, Director; and David Riviat, Budget Chief.

HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on "Helping Federal Agencies Meet Their Homeland Security Missions: How Private Sector Solutions Can Be Applied to Public Sector Problems." Testimony was heard from Pat Schambach, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; Fernando

Burbano, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; S. W. Hall, Jr., Chief Information Officer, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Ronald Miller, Chief Information Officer, FEMA; and public witnesses.

CYBER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3482, Cyber Security Enhancement Act of 2001.

INTERNET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1542, Internet Freedom and Broadband Development Act of 2001, providing one hour and twenty minutes of general debate, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule provides that no further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Tauzin and Representatives Upton, Cox, Buyer, Cannon, Flake, Dingell, Towns, Conyers, Nadler, and Jackson-Lee.

ADOPTING RULES COMMITTEE VIEWS AND ESTIMATES ON THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2003 BUDGET

Committee on Rules: By voice vote, the Committee adopted its views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2003 budget.

RETIREMENT SECURITY AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Retirement Security and Defined Contribution Plans. Testimony was heard from Mark Weinberger, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the shortage of geriatric trained health care professionals, 9 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine highway safety programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency concerning terrorism response, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the overview of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine acquisition policy issues of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program; to be followed by closed hearings in SR-232A, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine issues with respect to corporate governance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the long-term budgetary outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on S. 414, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act